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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO IDENTITY THEFT AND PRODUCING FALSE CREDIT CARDS

RE: UNITED STATES v. DANIEL A. DEFELIPPI

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that Daniel A. Defelippi, age 23, of 59 Westminister Road, Apartment #3, Rochester, New York, pled guilty in front of the Honorable Michael A. Telesca to nine identity theft charges. Specifically, Defelippi pled guilty to producing, transferring and possessing fraudulent identification documents and document producing equipment with the intent to commit other crimes, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1028(a), each count carrying a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine; to unlawfully using and producing fraudulent credit cards, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. §1029(a), each count carrying a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine; and with using a false identity document to commit another federal felony, in violation of Title

18 U.S.C. §1028A, which count carries a sentence of 2 years imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who is handling the case, stated that on November 19, 2004 the defendant went to a COMPUSA store in Syracuse, New York, where he used a counterfeit Discover credit card bearing the name Craig Mazer to purchase a lap top computer for \$1,699.00.

On December 3, 2004, a confidential informant went to the defendant's business, Compumasters, located at 3495 Winton Place, Building E, Suite 229, Rochester, New York. The confidential informant purchased a counterfeit Massachusetts driver's license in the name of Harry William Lloyd, bearing the photograph of the confidential informant, and a counterfeit Discover credit card also bearing the name of the confidential informant.

On December 3, 2004, a search warrant was executed at the defendant's business at 3495 Winton Place, Building E, Suite 229, Rochester, New York. During the search, the government seized a commercial encoder used to produce false credit cards; various false identification documents, several computers used to obtain stolen credit card information and to sell illegally obtained items on E-Bay; thousands of stolen credit card numbers; and stolen computers and related equipment.

Between in or about November 2001 to December 2005, the defendant ran an illegal business where he would purchase or obtained through phishing stolen credit card information, such as account numbers, names and social security numbers, from individuals located in the countries formerly known as the Soviet Union. The defendant had purchased information relating to over 9,000 credit cards from various illegal websites.

The defendant would use the credit card information to produce false credit cards using special manufacturing equipment he had obtained. The defendant would also produce false driver's licenses purportedly from the State of Massachusetts. The defendant would then sell these documents and ship them over state lines.

The defendant would also use the false credit cards and identification documents he produced to purchase items, such as computers. The defendant would then sell these items on Ebay and ship the items to the purchasers over state lines.

The defendant also had created numerous phishing web pages. He sent these web pages to unsuspecting individuals requesting that the individuals provide personal information. The individuals who were tricked into providing their personal information did so believing that the websites were legitimate and from businesses in which they had a prior relationship. These web pages were sent by the defendant in interstate commerce.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation by the United States Secret Service, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael Bryant, and William E. Kezer, Postal Inspector in Charge of the New York Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The plea agreement anticipates that Defelippi sentence will be between 71 and 95 months imprisonment. Defelippi is scheduled to be sentenced on July 29, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Michael A. Telesca.

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